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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6395

BILL NUMBER: HB 1076

DATE PREPARED: Dec 7, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child Care Home Licensing.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill exempts from licensure a child care home that provides care to more than six children (not including children for whom the provider is a parent, stepparent, guardian, custodian, or other relative) if the provider meets certain conditions. The bill requires the provider, as a condition of the exemption, to obtain from each parent seeking care for a child within the child care home a written, notarized statement that acknowledges the number of children for whom the child care home provides care and indicates that the parent agrees to place the child in the provider's care under the circumstances. The bill also requires an exempt child care home to maintain records of the notarized statements and to comply with certain health, sanitation, fire, and safety rules approved by the Division of Family and Children. (Current law requires a child care home that provides care to more than six children, not including children for whom the child care home provider is a parent, stepparent, guardian, custodian, or other relative, to be licensed.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill has the potential to reduce the number of child care home licenses issued by the Division of Family and Children. The bill exempts from licensure a child care home that provides care to more than six children (not including children for whom the provider is a parent, stepparent, guardian, custodian, or other relative) if the provider meets certain conditions. Currently child care homes that provide care to six or fewer children that are unrelated to the caregiver are exempt from licensure. There are currently 2,078 Class I licensed child care homes and 58 licensed Class II child care homes. There is a possibility that the number of homes seeking to be licensed will decrease because of the provisions of this bill. The exact number of homes that would no longer comply with the licensure requirement is unknown; the impact on the state resources assigned to child care home licensing activities is also unknown.

All child care homes that accept child care vouchers from the state would still be required to comply with the local Step Ahead Council's requirements for health and safety standards.

Explanation of State Revenues: State revenue would not be affected by this bill since the license fees for child care homes were eliminated by Executive Order in FY 1996.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Amy R. Brown, Legislative Liaison for the Division of Family and Children.